

St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church

May 16, 2021



*Sharing the Truth of Christ's Love
by Caring for the Needs of Everyone!*

SUNDAY SERVICE

9:00 am

(Communion celebrated every Sunday)

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

(Ages 3 - 8th Grade)

September - May, 10:00 am

HIGH SCHOOL SUNDAY SCHOOL

(9th - 12th Grades)

September - May, 10:00 am

CONFIRMATION CLASS

(6th - 8th Grades)

September - May, 6:00 pm

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

September - May, 10:00 am

MESSENGER

You Can Make a Difference

Do you feel unqualified for the job God has given you? Do you think He picked the wrong person? Many scriptural heroes felt the same. David, whose psalms encourage millions, lamented in **Psalm 102:7 (ESV)**: *"I lie awake; I am like a lonely sparrow on the housetop."*

It's hard to imagine a less significant bird, yet Jesus says in **Matthew 10:29 (ESV)**: *"Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father."*

One author writes: *"In our impersonal world it's easy to underestimate the significance of one. With so many who seem more capable, gifted, prosperous, and important, who am I to think my part amounts to much? Aren't you glad Martin Luther King Jr., Walt Disney, Winston Churchill, Irving Berlin, Abraham Lincoln, Charles Wesley, [and Mother Teresa] didn't think that way?"*

How many people did it take to help the victim on the Jericho road? How many were chosen to confront Pharaoh and lead the Exodus? How many lost sheep were of concern to the shepherd? How many did God use to prepare the way for the Messiah? Just one!

Centuries ago, a woman named Esther thought there was nothing she could do. She was the Jewish wife of a Persian king, about to be tricked into making a disastrous decision that would exterminate the Jews. Like everyone who stands in the gap, Esther was willing to get involved to the point of sacrifice, and saying in **Esther 4:16 (ESV)**: *"Go, gather all the Jews to be found in Susa, and hold a fast on my behalf, and do not eat or drink for three days, night or day. I and my young women will also fast as you do. Then I will go to the king, though it is against the law, and if I perish, I perish."*

What should I be doing? Whatever it is that the Lord has called you to do. How do you figure out what the Lord is calling you to do? Dig into God's Word in worship, Bible study, and personal devotions. Pray often and sincerely. Participate in the Sacrament of Holy Communion often. Serve others and see where God leads you. You can make a difference when Christ is in You and You are seeking the Father's will.

Prayer Requests



Those who are seeking healing and comfort during a difficult time: Burt Andrews, Rev. Reuben and Martha Baerwald (friends of George and Bette Wine) Kristy Bartels, Jean Brewer, Don Dorwaldt, Rhonda Driver (Rose Harmon's daughter), Lee Eaves (Pastor Eaves' younger brother), Les Herman, Lynn Hubbs and family and Neva (Rose Harmon's niece and sister), Ernst Kohn, Christy Kurtz (Sonja Sporleder's neighbor), Linda Mandell, Alyssa (friends of Pastor and Marilyn Eaves) Dennis Roush, Marilyn Thompson, and John Wieg.

Members who are residing in healthcare centers: Dave Bahr (Highland Oaks), Meta Meyer and Ellen Nelson (The Sheridan at Tyler Creek), Fern Warfel (Tower Hill Care Center), and Mary Jane Lindaas (Bethany Healthcare).

Members experiencing difficulties in getting around: Alta Dittman, Mabel Maas, Doris Meilahn, Eleanor Miller, and Betty Roush.

People suffering from physical, emotional, economic, or COVID-19 pain, and the residents at Deer Path Assisted Living.

St. Peter's Mission to be revealed by the Holy Spirit and inform us of how to share Jesus' love with our neighbors.

For the family of Lenore Von Kaenel, who are grieving.

Attendance



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April 25:	56
May 2:	61
May 9:	58
May 16:	
May 23:	
May 30:	

TRUE PRACTICE OF FAITH

Tithing is a question, not of reason or convenience or what God will do for us, but of faith in God as our Creator and Owner. Tithing involves complete trust in His providential promises.

Altar Guild



Altar Flowers are always, first and foremost, given for the glory of God.

May 16

Given in honor of Clifford and Esther Rackow's anniversary, May 15, 1938



I have completely healed from my broken ankle. Thank you to all who prayed for me, sent a card, or made a meal. God Bless you all!

LeAnn Stuehler

Registration is now open for our 2021 Vacation Bible School. There are registration forms with an informational letter attached in the narthex near the VBS display, as well as a box for completed forms. Children age 4 through 6th grade are welcome. It will be held the week of July 19th. Let friends and family know and refer them to our church website to register. "Adventure on Discovery Island... a Quest for God's Great Light" is the theme. Please pray that all we do will be pleasing to God.



2021 LWML Convention, Lexington, KY

Gifts from the Heart selected recipients and requested items. Your donations mean the world to them!

Assurance for Life Ministry

“Christ’s love, offered freely, one-on-one, to envision the unique and sacred value of each human being”. Assurance is a specialized health clinic serving Lexington and the surrounding areas providing free medical services, compassionate counsel, and support to individuals facing unplanned and often crisis pregnancies. They also minister to those experiencing issues from past abortions. Please bring new or gently used items for the Assurance Ministry’s REACH boutique. Items with an * are highest need.



Bed and Bath Items:

Baby toiletries (shampoo, soap, lotion, etc.) baby bath towels, baby wash cloths, burp cloths, crib sheets, laundry baskets (small or collapsible*)

Diapers and Clothes:

Disposable diapers (Size 3*), wipes*, clothing (new, sizes NB-12 months, (onesies, sleepers, outfits, gowns, coats, etc.), diaper bags

Books and Toys:

Rattles, Teething Rings, etc.*, small “First” Christian books (board books, vinyl books, Arch books*)

***Concordia Publishing House is offering a special on Arch Books for Convention.** Books will be delivered directly to Lexington. The deadline to place an order is May 23, 2021. Use the promo code “GFTH” at checkout to receive the discounted prices. Visit [https:// books.cph.org/lwml-gifts-from-the-heart](https://books.cph.org/lwml-gifts-from-the-heart) and click “Order Online” to go directly to the registry and select the books.

Food Bank Support, Concordia Seminaries Fort Wayne & St. Louis

Gift cards to stores like Walmart and Target in denominations of \$10, \$20, and \$25 are most appreciated.

MOST Ministries provides vision testing and recycled prescription eyeglasses to impoverished people living in developing nations around the world. This eyeglass ministry allows team members to reach out with Christ’s love and engage in sharing the Gospel. Donations of your used eyeglasses will support this mission outreach.

Thank you for your support of the 2021 Gifts from the Heart recipients & sharing the love of Christ!

Worship Assistants

	ELDERS	USHERS	GREETERS	READERS	ALTAR GUILD
May 16	Bob Felbinger	Jim Butt		Marilyn Eaves	Dolores Schuring, LeAnn Stuehler
May 23	Steve Sporleder	Nancy Heine		Carol Wieg	Dolores Schuring, LeAnn Stuehler
May 30	Jeff Pergande	Fern Petersen		Dennis Sunderlage	Dolores Schuring, LeAnn Stuehler

Birthdays	
May 17	Erika Siena
May 20	Jeff Stuehler
May 21	Erin Real
Baptism Anniversaries	
May 16	Matt Petersen
May 23	Christopher Cangelosi

This Week at St. Peter's		
Sunday, May 16	Outdoor Worship Service	9:00 am
	Christian Education	10:00 am
Wednesday, May 19	Confirmation Class	6:00 pm
Thursday, May 20	Midweek Bible Study <i>Lesson Five: God's Promise</i>	1:30 pm
	Preschool Board Mtg.	6:30 pm
Saturday, May 22	Men's Bible Study, with Breakfast; <i>Lesson: Gideon</i>	7:00 am

Weekly Announcements
<p>Sunday, May 23: NO Adult Bible Study after service.</p> <p>Sunday, May 23: Informational Meeting regarding Ladies Aid of St. Peter's and the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML). Interested women ages 20 and up are asked to remain in the sanctuary. The meeting will begin as soon as non-participants have vacated. For more information on the LWML you can visit lwml.org or for our Northern Illinois District of the LWML you can visit lwmlnid.org.</p> <p>Burlington-Hampshire Area Food Pantry, located at 147 Mill Ave., Hampshire, IL 60140, is a non-profit, charitable organization providing relief for those in need. As a faith-based pantry, assistance is available to anyone, regardless of age, race, gender, creed, or health in need of food. If you're unsure whether you qualify for assistance, please contact Dorothy Paddock at 847-683-3071.</p> <p>You must live in the Burlington-Hampshire 300 & 301 School District areas.</p>

Link to livestream St. Peter's Worship services every Sunday: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCY-0ZhtspZkK7vIpJ7DEY1Q>

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